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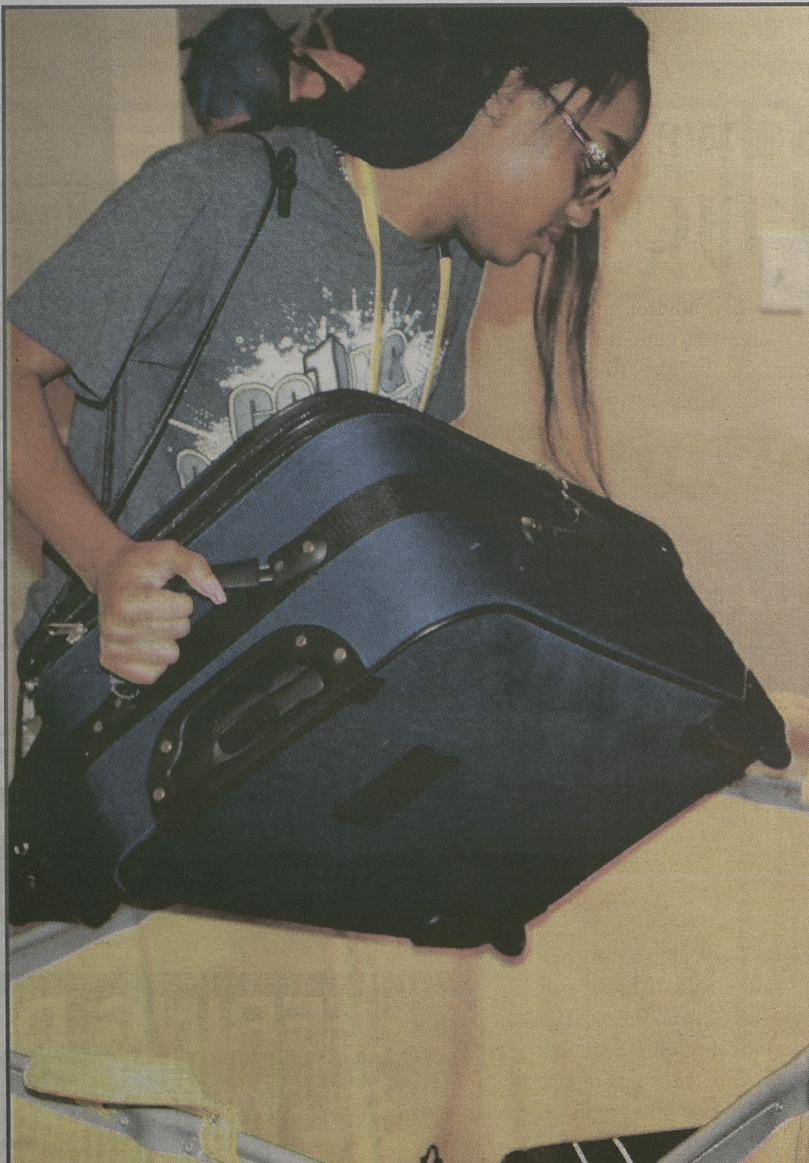


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EVERY LAST PIECE Eriel Pickett joins the many residents of Crossroads in the unpacking process.

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News in Brief

DR. LINDA GARY NAMED DEAN AT TJC COMMUNICATIONS AND FINE ARTS

Her appointment is effective immediately. Dr. Gary previously served the institution as humanities and philosophy department chair and English professor.

JODI SEAL NAMED CHAIR AT TJC ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM

Promoted to department chair of the TJC ADN. Also joined the Nursing faculty as a professor in 2010. Seal has a Master of Science in Nursing from The University of Texas at Tyler a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Stephen F. Austin State University in 2004.

BRYAN RENFRO NAMED DEAN OF TJC OF PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

Renfro served also as dean at; Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo, Iowa; Colorado Mountain College-Timberline Campus. Also, forensic science and law enforcement instructor at Ben Barber Career and Technical Academy in Mansfield; public safety academy specialist at Tarrant County College; and criminal justice department chair at Northwest Arkansas Community College.

VOCATIONAL NURSING GRADUATES ANNOUNCED AT THE TJC WEBSITE

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Pokémon Go became a way to meet Poké-trainers at TJC

Symone Sheppard
Staff Writer

Childhood nostalgia is making its' way full circle in the form of Pokemon Go.

Pokemon Go is a new app that aired early summer 2016. Once downloaded, players are able to catch Pokemon (digital pocket monsters) in the real world. The Pokemon franchise started back in 1996, and now twenty years later it has grown into fantasy becoming "reality". The main feature on Pokemon Go is the Augmented Reality button (AR). This button allows users to switch over to their cameras in order to "catch" Pokemon in the real world.

Tyler Junior College is a perfect place to open the game. Several locations are known "Pokestops", those are places where the gamers can collect items for the game, such as pokeballs.

Feeling a bit competitive? You can even take Gyms in the app. Once you have reached level 5, you have the option of choosing between the three teams: Valor (Red), Mystic (Blue), and Instinct (Yellow). Once you select your team you're able to claim different gyms. There are two known gyms on campus that are next to the Pirtle technology building.

Students can catch Pokemon and level up in between classes. Rogers Student Center is a perfect example of one of the many "Pokestops" on campus.

"I have definitely spotted an increase on campus of people playing Pokemon Go. Since I play as well, they're usually pretty easy to spot,"

said Whitney Sharman, TJC advisor and avid Pokemon Go player. "The best perk is during my break and right before or right after work I can restock on pokeballs before I go hunting later that night."

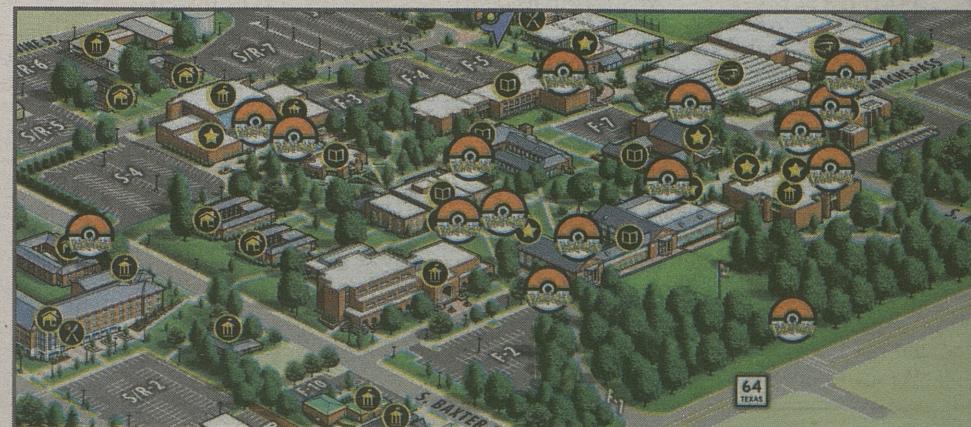
Pokemon Go is a game that makes people actually walk around and can also help students to make friends.

"It has been a great stress reliever because it makes walking around more enjoyable, you also get to meet a lot of cool people with at least one thing in common," said Brittnee Cagle, TJC student majoring in Biology. "It makes it a lot easier to talk to fellow students because you know they're playing the game and you can start conversations a lot easier if you have one thing to go on."

Cagle is the creator of the Go Fund Me account that is raising money to fix the damages caused by Pokemon Go players in the Rose Hill Cemetery.

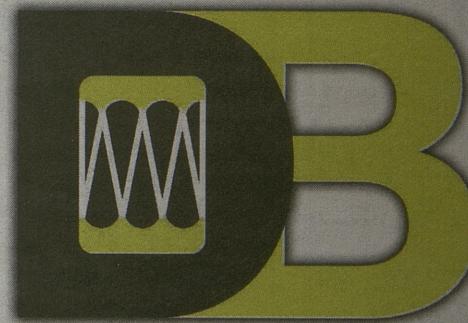
"I started it because I was angry someone was so disrespectful," said Cagle. "I knew that if the community united a little from each person could go a long way. I knew it wouldn't hurt to start one if only for the convenience of donating online." Cagle says she prefers if people donate directly to the cemetery though, if possible.

Since its' release in early July, Pokemon Go has become a wildly popular app. There have been PSA's regarding the safety of players driving and playing at the same time. It's become a well-known phenomenon and a great way for students to interact with each other while on campus.



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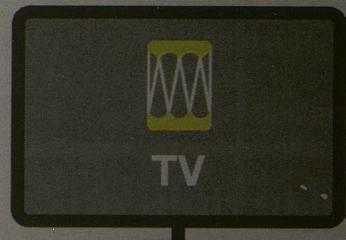
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A rule for some is a rule for all

Column

When a rule is applied to an institution, it should be equally enforced to all.

"Students should dress in a manner that should reflect high standards of personal self-image so that each student may share in promoting a positive, healthy and safe atmosphere within the College community."

-Student Handbook
Tyler Junior College

This passage implies that students should dress according to a school environment. Common sense must be used when choosing an outfit.



Julia Contarelli
Editor-in-Chief

The student handbook also says, "Each student is expected to follow the Tyler Junior College guidelines of dress, which includes but is not limited to:

- 1) Dress and grooming/(indecent, lewd) clothing that exposes intimate body parts (underwear, cleavage, etc.) shall not disrupt the classroom or academic environment or cause undue attention to an individual student. Trousers shall be worn on or above the hips at all times."

Now what comes to wonder is, why

are some athletes and band members allowed to practice while breaking the dress code? Girls on the field can practice with sports bras and short shorts, and are not called out. The same for guys that don't wear shirts while practicing.

Everybody should be able to wear what they desire, but if a dress code is enforced for some students, all should follow the rule. No exceptions should be made. This makes the college environment a place where everybody is equal.

The Ambassadors around campus check if students are following the rules. Lack of a student ID is what gets most of them, but also not following the dress code. Yet no Ambassadors are seen around the fields.

I believe in equality among all. If one is supposed to follow the dress code, all should, or it should not be there.

After 90 years, we are still beating the same rhythm

Editorial

2016 has been a year of renewal, along with marking TJC's 90th anniversary. This will be a year of new faces, names, and hearts. One of our college's longest-running organizations has been the newspaper. But while we have grown, so has technology.

Since the creation of the Apache Pow Wow newspaper in 1927, we have extended our family of platforms to broadcasting and the internet. While we have always been the same family of information, changes of leadership and unavoidable barriers caused some confusion with the connection of our mediums.

So, as our school turns the page to another chapter of growth, we have also decided to change how we look when you turn our pages. To unite our platforms in our progress forward, we have looked to the past for inspiration. Since we are of some of the oldest organizations at TJC, we found it only fitting to name ourselves after one of our longest-running and most beloved traditions: The homecoming drumbeat.

For the entire week preceding homecoming, the large Apache drum echoes throughout campus. It not only embraces our East Texas Native American history, it is the sound of union. Its sound represents a union between students, faculty and alumni. It is the song whose chorus sings not of differences, but the song that proclaims "We are all Apaches!"

The deep rhythm beats with the spirit we carry onto the field. The spirit with which we wave our Apache feathers.

As TJC's source of news, we aim to unite TJC with the knowledge that every Apache deserves to have his or her voice heard. That is our goal. With The DrumBeat, we plan to bring the same union represented by our school's oldest tradition.

Online, in video, and through this very newspaper, we are The DrumBeat. We are Apaches.

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A Headline? Eh, I'll do it tomorrow

Column



Alexis Long
Student Life Editor

Oh, procrastination.

Boy, do we go back or what?

Even with a full night's rest, I still couldn't get ahead on my assignments. I rewatched every episode of "That 70's Show" and even played through the main missions in Fallout 4 five times, although you never truly finish the game (Thanks, Preston Garvey).

There's nothing like staying up until 4 a.m. writing a paper that is due in five hours. Believe it or not, a lot of people say a con of procrastination is that you won't be

able to focus or get the job done, as panic and desperation will quickly become too distracting. At first, I argued against this. I always felt like I was far more focused on the task if I put it off until the last minute.

Until I didn't.

Instead of doing my normal everyday procrastinating, I felt the urge to complete my project as soon as I got home. I mainly just wanted to get the stupid thing out of the way so I could eat fried chicken and take a nap.

Believe me when I say it was a huge breath of fresh air. Instead of feeling like I was trying to rewire a bomb in five seconds so it wouldn't detonate, I was actually able to take my time and make sure I was doing everything properly.

I had allowed myself time to modify the assignment.

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Opinion

It's okay to take things a little slower

Column



Rebecca Najera
Verve Editor

the anxiety was real.

Even though I had enough anxiety to bring an end to the world, the earth continued to rotate. I met some pretty cool people, took some classes that really changed how I saw some things, and learned so much about myself, and that is what, I believe, college is about: learning about yourself. Or rather, creating yourself.

Yes, you attend college to get your degree to work the job that you desire. But along the way, your desires may change. This is the time in our lives where everyone is on different levels. It can be bit intimidating when you compare yourself to the people around you, but you have to realize that not everyone is going to move at the same pace as you.

What I mean, is that when you look around, other people may seem like they have everything together. I know that I would look at some of my friends and the people I had classes with and see that some of them were crazy talented and passionate about something and wish that I could be like them. Or I'd think about how

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Restrooms are no longer divided by sex, but gender identity

A significant guidance, not a law, makes TJC fear they could lose federal funding

By Julia Contarelli
Editor-in-Chief

Responding to a new guidance from the U.S. Department of Education, TJC students are now allowed to use the restroom correlating to the gender with which they identify.

"Whatever a person identifies themselves as, that's the restroom they can use... if I said the inner me identifies myself as a beautiful woman, I can use the women's restroom,"

-Dr. Dometrius Hill
TJC Dean of Students

On May 13, the Office for Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Education issued a letter of "significant guidance" to colleges and schools. It states that schools in the United States

strive to create nondiscriminatory communities for all students. Also, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits sex discrimination in any educational programs operated by recipients of Federal financial assistance.

"Texas colleges have been instructed to allow their students and employees to use the restroom that is consistent with their gender identity/expression," said Kimberly Lessner, Executive Director of Marketing - Media and Communications. "Single stall bathrooms have been converted to family restrooms available to all. This was not done for any particular group, but to accommodate anyone with disabilities or desiring privacy."

The letter specifically addresses gender identity.

"Gender identity refers to an individual's internal sense of gender. A person's gender identity may be different from or the same as the person's sex assigned at birth," according to the U.S.

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Photo by Barbara Arroio

NEW RESTROOM UNDER NEW POLICY Chapman Herwood, not a TJC student, but a member of the OHPE enters the restroom that used to be only for males and now can be used by male and woman.

Get around Tyler without a car, free bus passes provided by TJC

By Kayla Longmire
News Editor

Thanks to the Tyler Transit System, getting to class is easier for off-campus students who don't have transportation.

Although staying on campus is convenient for getting to classes, some students aren't as lucky. Fortunately, these students will have the option to receive a bus permit so they can get to class using the Tyler Transit System which has a route directly in front of Tyler Junior College for students and faculty. Plus, it's free for students.

"On behalf of Tyler Junior College, we pay Tyler Transit for the bus passes given to the students in order for the student to be able to get on the bus for free...All the student needs to do is come by the office and fill out a form to get your bus pass..."

-Randy Melton
Chief of Campus Police

Campus Police Chief Randy Melton said the system is helpful for students wanting to get to class every day without having to shell out money for gas.

"On behalf of Tyler Junior College, we pay Tyler Transit for the bus passes given to the students in order for the student to be able to get on the bus for free," said Melton.

"All the student needs to do is come by the office and fill out a form to get your bus pass on your ID to make it visible for the bus driver to see that you're a student."

Melton added that a student can't get a parking permit if he or she already has a bus permit for the same semester.

Campus Police sold 150 passes during Spring 2016, and has currently sold around 30 passes so far for Fall 2016.

The Tyler Transit System runs Monday through Saturday, ending at 8:15 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturdays.

Students can obtain a bus permit at the TJC Police Department located at the corner of Lake and Baxter.

Wesley House moves into Lewis Hall, doubling its size

The foundation's relationship with the school is unprecedented in junior colleges

Marshall Cearfoss
Managing Editor

The impact that the Wesley House ministry has on campus will now be extended into Lewis Hall, doubling their size.

"One of the things that really impresses me is how our college has become more and more diverse," said Dr. Mike Metke, President of TJC. "Wesley, for me, has helped a lot with that diversity. They reach out through their network and bring in lots of students who would have gone to a private school somewhere - maybe a faith-based school."

Due to several issues with the building, including problems with the structure, foundation, air conditioning, roof, and smaller internal issues, the college decided to make the building available for auction in

January, 2016.

Along with the school already having a relationship with the program, Lewis Hall rests just next door to the already existing Wesley House, so the school decided that they presented the best bid.

"They put in a proposal to do both and since they already had the management team in place, it was easier for them," said Metke.

After \$130k in financial grants, the Wesley Foundation was able to repair and renovate Lewis Hall back to the standard of living for on-campus students.

"That covered pretty much everything we needed to do," said Jamie Leach, Business Administrator for Wesley House.

Using Lewis Hall will not only double the size of the Wesley dorms, but will

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RENOVATING LEWIS In the process of rebuilding the former TJC dorm, Wesley House has added a patio in the courtyard.

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Band members are practicing in student parking lot

Students may have to plan ahead when deciding where to park in the morning

By Rebecca Najera
Verve Editor

Upon returning to campus this fall, students may be in for a surprise when trying to find a place to park.

For the fall semester, the Apache Band will be using part of the student parking lot across the street from the band hall (S/R 14) for their morning rehearsals. While having part of the parking lot blocked off may upset some students, finding a place to park will not be an issue. Only an estimated one hundred parking spots will be blocked off by the band. The remaining open spaces will be available for parking. However, with the student population on campus continuously growing, additional parking has been created.

Where what used to be the Apache Woodlands has now become an additional space for students to park. While it may not be the most ideal place to park, the area more than makes up for the spaces being used by the band.

"We don't have a parking problem here at TJC; we have a walking problem."

-Dr. Linda Gary
Dean of Tyler Junior College School of Humanities,
Communications, and Fine Arts

"We all want to park near the door. I do too. But the reality is at most college campuses, especially those of some size, students have to park and skateboard wherever they have to go, or bike wherever they have to go, so you have to get it set in your mind that you perhaps may have to walk."

In the past, the band has practiced on the grass of the intramural field. However, this wasn't the most ideal or safest place to rehearse. Having to march around holes, fire ants, and even the mud could be dangerous for the students and could be expensive if they were to fall and damage their instruments.

"From a student perspective, it feels like a downgrade coming from a school that probably practiced on concrete to grass," said Jeremy Strickland, director of the Apache band. "But the vibe we have at rehearsals right now, the overall feeling, is completely different."

After just one rehearsal in the parking lot, the band was able to put their entire pregame show together, which is something

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-Jeremy Strickland
Director of Bands



Photo by Rebecca Najera

STUDENTS PLAYING IN PARKING LOT Students practice their pregame show on the asphalt of parking lot S/R 14.

they have never done. When practicing on grass, this process usually took at least two days.

"Marching on the asphalt is easier, in my opinion," said sophomore alto saxophone player Jared Hamilton. "The flat surface makes marching more fluent, and it's easier to mark our spots. With grass, there could be holes and mud patches we'd have to march around. The grass could also be itchy. And flies are everywhere which causes a distraction."

The parking lot will remain blocked off for the Apache Band throughout the day for the remaining marching season. Once it ends, the entire parking lot will be opened back up for students to park.

"The important thing to remember is that band is an

academic endeavor, not an extracurricular activity or club. As an academic institution, our first priority has to be providing our students with the proper classroom space they need. Marching in the parking lot is an outdoor classroom space," said Dr. Gary. "We took it to Dr. Juan Mejia and Dr. Bill King, and they are to be highly congratulated for this."

Dr. Mejia, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, and Dr. King, the executive director of facilities and construction here on campus, approved the use of the parking lot for the band. "This provides a more equitable facility for the

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students that is within close proximity," says Dr. Mejia.

In regards to concerns about student complaints, Dr. Gary said, "Dr. King, much to his credit, is trying to work with the presbyterian church near the school to rent parking spots for students. There isn't a word

only three months. People may not get the parking spot they wish for at the start of the semester, but they will definitely have some plenty of other spaces to choose from. Once the marching season ends, students may go back to parking in the spaces that were blocked off. In the end, the use of this area is

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Dean of Tyler Junior College School of Humanities, Communications, and Fine Arts

on that yet, but if we are able to, we've pretty much well replaced the spots being used by the band."

TJC holds classes twelve months a year, whereas the band practices outdoors for around

for the benefit of the students.

A special thanks goes to Dr. Bill King and Dr. Juan Mejia for providing the band with a safe practice space.

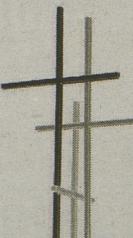
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In defense of 'Suicide Squad'

Movie Review



Marshall Gearfoss
News Editor

is the Joker?"

His character was one of the best in the film... Yet he was in it for about five minutes. The trailers used the fame of The Dark Knight's Joker to pull people into this movie with hardly any Joker in it. Be that as it may, his character was one of the most intriguing characters. Jared Leto's acting had moments that made me die of anticipation for his next scene. Although not much like Heath Ledger's iteration of the iconic villain, it convinced me that this was a man who truly has a serious problem. The "prettier" Joker makeup on Leto, while some dislike it, was actually quite well-done. It made me think of a mob boss who appreciates the finer things. And

when I saw the first trailer, I was instantly hooked. But when the film finally came to theaters, and the negative reviews started showing up everywhere, I held out hope. Because many of those same reviewers ripped Dawn of Justice to shreds, yet I loved that film, but acknowledged its shortfalls.

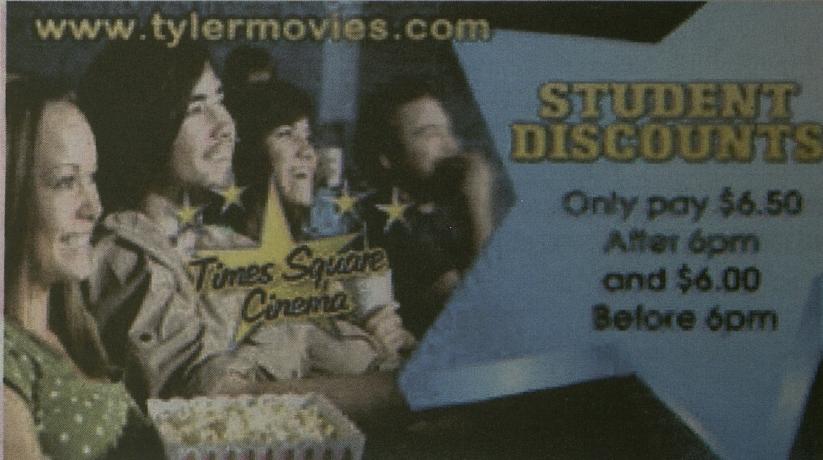
Sadly, that scenario did not play itself out again with Suicide Squad. Much like how the other reviewers have explained, it was just a jumbled mess of chaos. I could not identify any form of a cohesive storyline. I feel like the filmmakers tried far too much to pander to those who just wanted to see explosions that they neglected to incorporate any form of flow from scene to scene.

BUT I didn't quite hate it as much as everyone seems to. While I have many complaints, this movie also produces many questions that I hope will be answered soon. Such as "Who

But his characters was sadly one of the only redeeming parts of this film. Will Smith was good, but basically he was Will Smith doing what Will Smith does best... Which is act like Will Smith. It really didn't seem like he was trying to be any form of new character that he hasn't already played.

But stop listening to me and watch it for yourself.

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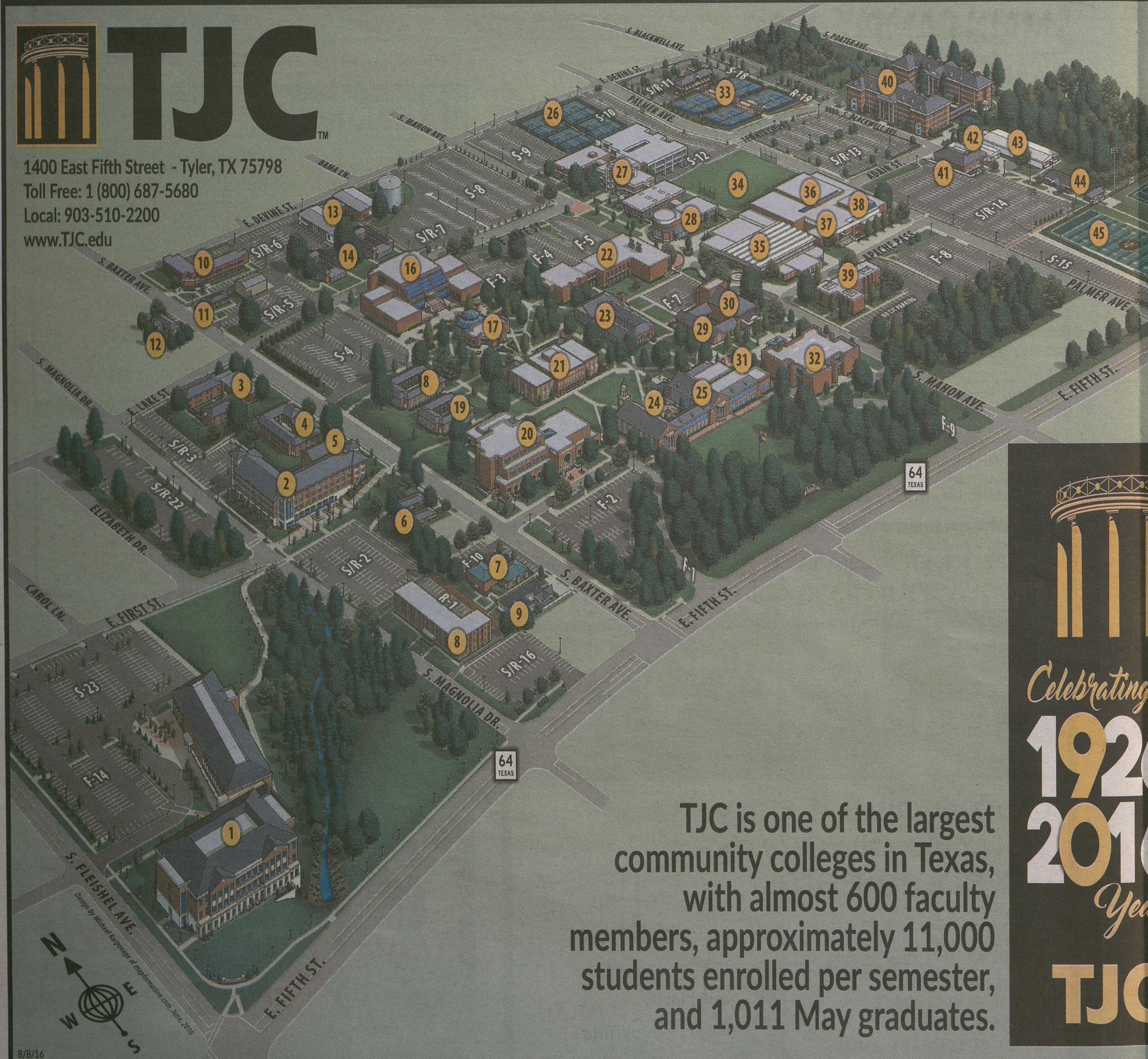
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The beginning of a new era for TJC softball

The team takes a trip to Utah for a record-setting season

By Benjamin Savallo
Sports Editor

The lady Apaches stepped out into the limelight and came to impress week after week, plowing their way to the school's first national title for softball.

As for the TJC softball team, they were dominant and unstoppable; truly a force to be reckoned with on both sides of the ball.

"Everybody just does their job," said former head coach, Nicole Dickson.

These ladies showed TJC something it has literally never seen before in school history. The lady Apaches went to the national tournament this year in Utah after barely missing the trip the season before. They walked into the tournament only having dropped four games the entire season, which landed them in the number one seed. With it having been only their second year as a program, these resilient ladies went into Utah determined and came out champions-national champions that is.

There were a lot of firsts for this new team last season; the lady Apaches became the number one ranked team in the nation for the first time ever halfway through the season. They made it over the hump known as the regional tournament for the first time, which is where

they season ended the year before. It was also their first trip to the national tournament, not only made it to the tournament but dominated it and won it. The list of accolades TJC was able to accomplish just goes on and on.

But so does the list of losses they will have as a team. Also like the baseball team, the lady Apaches are losing a lot of significant leaders at critical positions to graduation. It will be interesting to see how this team will react with the new season after losing two first team all-Americans, four starting sophomores, and not to mention their head coach, Nicole Dickson.

That's right, TJC softball will have a new face at the helm. At the start of the new season, former Western Nebraska Community College Head Coach, Maria Winn-Ratliff, will assume the position as head coach to replace Dickson.

As for now it is a new season, it is time to forget what happened yesterday and prepare for what tomorrow holds.

"It's about who is toughest between the ears," said Dickson.

Because like baseball, the softball team proved they were the best in the nation and have that top spot as top dog.

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Photo by Benjamin Savallo

FIRST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN CATCHER, AMBER LANDRY, races down the line to back up the throw and show off her speed

TJC's tradition of excellence on the baseball field continues

By Benjamin Savallo
Sports Editor

TJC's baseball team went all the way over the summer and won big to cap off yet another dominant year, continuing the tradition of excellence.

"Oh yeah, it's a crazy feeling, obviously, to win a national championship. It's quite an accomplishment to go back-to-back," said Head Baseball Coach, Doug Wren.

For TJC baseball, hardware is nothing new to this team. It has seemingly become habit for the guys. Winning year after year, they make it seem easy. After this season was all said and done, the Apaches walked away with their third consecutive title

and fourth in the past 10 years.

Looking over the statistics portion of their journey to the top would make it seem like it has been a walk in the park since the beginning.

The Apaches finished with a complete season record of 42-16, 4-0 in the tournament, and improved their postseason record to 21-0 over the past three seasons. Looking over at those numbers, it just seems like it is all too easy for this elite team, but other teams made sure to keep it interesting.

"It is never easy to win a national championship. All three national championships we've won by two or three runs; it is never easy. They're not just going to give you the trophy," said Coach Wren.

The Apaches faced Northern Essex (Massachusetts) Community College for the championship game in Kinston, North Carolina. Early in the game, TJC gave up three runs in the top of the third inning. Two innings later, the Apaches were able to put two up on the board in the fifth inning and then two more in the sixth to take a 4-3 lead. But the game was far from over. In the top of the eighth inning with the bases loaded, ace pitcher, Jonathan Groff took the mound to strikeout the next two hitters to get out of a very intense and stressful half inning for the Apaches.

In the top of the ninth, the leadoff hitter for Northern

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Upcoming Athletic Events



Football

Aug. 27 vs. Kilgore College
Sept. 1 vs. Texas A&T
Sept. 17 vs. Northeastern Oklahoma A&M
Sept. 24 @ Cisco Junior College

Volleyball

Aug. 19 vs. Brookhaven college
Aug. 26-27 Rhonda Shirley Classic
Aug. 30 vs. University of Texas - Tyler
Sept. 7 vs. North Central Texas College
Sept. 9 Blinn College Premier Tournament

Men's Soccer

Aug. 20 vs. Texas College
Aug. 23 vs. Louisiana State University - Alexandria
Aug. 26 vs. Johnson City Community College
Aug. 30 @ Jacksonville College
Sept. 2 vs. Jefferson College
Sept. 9 @ Coastal Bend College
Sept. 10 @ Laredo Community College
Sept. 16 vs. Northeastern Texas Community College

Women's Soccer

Aug. 20 vs. Sting Soccer Club
Aug. 21 vs. Sting Soccer Club
Aug. 24 @ University of Texas - Tyler
Aug. 27 @ Jacksonville College
Aug. 30 vs. North Lake College
Sept. 2 vs. Cisco Junior College
Sept. 6 @ Richland College
Sept. 9 vs. Butler Community College
Sept. 10 @ Northern Oklahoma - Tonkawa
Sept. 16 vs. Northeast Texas Community College

Men's Tennis

Aug. 27 Apache Pro-Am
Sept. 9-10 Tyler Invitational
Sept. 16 @ Midwestern State University

Women's Tennis

Aug. 27 Apache Pro-Am
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For more information on scheduling, games or teams go to:

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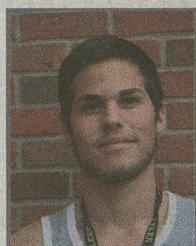
The pressure will be on Coach Ratliff and TJC to come up with a formula for immediate success. After the job Coach Dickson did, building the softball program from the ground

up and constructing a championship team, Coach Ratliff and the lady Apaches have their work cut out for them.

Sports

Ornelas has to say no to speedos, but why though?

Column



Benjamin Savallo
Sports Editor

rumor has it that the dress code includes no speedos. And with that being said, as I see it rules were always put in place because of past experiences.

Now people think! Women and children attend this recreational center! There is no need to be showing up in speedos! Now, I understand if the swim team were to show up down there and they all had their matching speedos on, that's one thing. But even Michael Phelps doesn't wear a speedo, he's just got them really tight swim shorts. Probably because he knows people don't want to see certain things hanging out of places they shouldn't be!

I myself think this rule is a very great rule. I also believe the rule shouldn't have had to be put in place. It's just something that everyone should already know to do. So next time you think it's a good idea to show up in your revealing swimwear, just remember, youthful eyes are watching.

BASEBALL

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Essex was able to reach on an error. But then Groff, with a flash of excellence, struck out the next three hitters to win the game and earn the national title and a spot at the bottom of the dog pile.

Once the party in Tyler is over, it will be time to see what this team can really do. Everyone now knows what they are capable of doing. TJC dominated in between the lines this past season, but it will be interesting to see if this team comes out just as motivated as the last. It is easy to come out with the mentality that teams

will just lie down because of history. It is way too easy to just come out thinking it will be easier now with a championship, says Wren. But more often than not, teams will come out looking to be the ones to knock the king off the hill; they want revenge.

Other teams will be coming out with a chip on their shoulders from last season. Upsets can and will happen, especially in this crazy sport of baseball. Anything can happen.

Also with almost the entire starting defense leaving due to graduation, it

will make the competition that much tougher. It's really "frustrating," says Wren. Coach Wren will be losing most of his starting pitching staff from last season.

"We'll be a fairly young and inexperienced team," says Wren.

As well as all three outfielders and a very outstanding all-American first baseman.

But it won't be too much longer until these Apaches lace up their cleats and get ready to step up to the plate to defend their title for the third year in a row.

Student Life

Students and faculty celebrate 90 years of TJC

Tyler Junior College continues to host events honoring the school's newest achievement

By Alexis Long
Student Life Editor

What was once just a school with only 93 students and nine faculty members is now one of the biggest community colleges in Texas.

Established in 1926 as part of the Tyler Public School System, TJC allowed Tyler residents to have access to higher education. Although TJC faced a declining student population due to the Depression, the school had a major change in the 1940s. In 1945, Tyler voters approved a measure to create a junior college district and the college received \$500,000 in bonds.

Today, TJC is a two-year

comprehensive institution with 306 full-time faculty members, 248 part-time faculty members, and more than 10,000 students enrolled per year. The junior college district now includes the Chapel Hill, Grand Saline, Lindale, Van, and Winona school districts.

"I think it's remarkable that TJC has come so far since 1926," TJC President Dr. Mike Metke said. "We have a great history and such a promising future for our students."

Earlier this year, TJC kicked off the 90th anniversary with the "90 for 90th"- a two-day, 90-mile bicycle tour spanning the length of TJC's enrollment district led by Metke, who is also an avid cyclist.

In May, TJC held commencement ceremonies in which Metke and the TJC Board of Trustees led the procession of graduates into Wagstaff Gymnasium while Amy Cunningham, president of the TJC Alumni Association, gave the alumni salutation.

Events will continue to be held throughout the year, celebrating TJC's history and accomplishments, and aim to bring together current students, alumni, past and present employees and board members. TJC's Weeks of Welcome, starting on August 15,

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Photo by Jessica Alexander

GETTING READY TO RIDE TJC President Dr. Mike Metke prepares to bike with other cyclists from the TJC main campus through Whitehouse and Jacksonville, then finish in Rusk.

Get ready for a new semester with Weeks of Welcome

SCHEDULE

Monday, Aug. 15

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Residence Halls Open

Tuesday, Aug. 16

8 - 10 p.m.
Meet and Greet Events
Crossroads- Cereal Killer Night
Claridge - Hot dog Cook-out
Bateman and Ornelas - Pancakes with a Twist
Vaughn - Wii Entertainment
Hudnall - Karaoke
Holley - Xbox Entertainment

Wednesday, Aug. 17

7 - 8 p.m.
Capture the Flag
(Intramural Field behind Wagstaff Gym)
8 - 10 p.m.
Residence Hall Socials

Friday, Aug. 19

7 - 9 p.m.
Rock and Roll Friday

(Center for Earth and Space Science Education)

Saturday, Aug. 20

8:30 p.m.
Ice Cream in the Dark
(Crossroads Hall patio)

Monday, Aug. 22

8-10 p.m.
PATHFINDERS**
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
1st Day of School Photo Booth
(2nd floor Rogers Student Center)
9-11 p.m.
Late Night Central Park Event
(2nd floor Rogers Student Center)

Tuesday, Aug. 23

8-10 p.m.
PATHFINDERS
3:30 p.m.
TJC Soccer
(Pat Hartley Field)

Wednesday, Aug. 24

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Involvement Fair
(TJC Quad between Rogers and White Administrative Services Center)

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Blood Drive
(2nd floor Rogers Student Center)

7-9 p.m.
Lip Sync Battle
(2nd floor Rogers Student Center)

Thursday, Aug. 25

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Center for Student Life and Involvement Open House
(2nd floor Rogers Student Center)
8-11 p.m.
Skate and Game Night (Sponsored by Dairy Queen)
(Apache Rooms- Roger Student Center)

Friday, Aug. 26

12:30 p.m.
Football Pep Rally
(Jenkins Lawn)
8 p.m.
Movie on the Lawn
(Jenkins Lawn)

Saturday, Aug. 27

7 p.m.
TJC VS Kilgore College

Student Life

Making summer memories at Ya-A-Te retreat



Photo by Alexis Long

ALL ABOARD!

With their bags packed and ready to go, students get ready to check-in with the Apache Chiefs (left).

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TIME TO CHECK-IN Apache Chief Brittany Terry gets TJC student Justin Osborne checked in to Ya-A-Te (right).



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Repairs on Crossroads roof won't cost a penny to TJC

Improper construction on the new dorm results in need for repairs

Julia Contarelli
Editor-in-Chief

An improper installation of the roof in Crossroads brings heavy duty machines, construction materials and bricklayers back to TJC.

"I just happened to be on a position one day, the sun and the temperature were just right, and the roof looked like it was wavy."

-Mark Gartman
Associate Director of Facilities and Construction at TJC

An abnormality in the roof caught Gartman's attention. He called the manufacturer's representatives to check what was wrong with it. After removing it and checking all of the layers, they came to the conclusion that the roof would deteriorate quickly because of improper installation. A roof that was supposed to last 25 years would only be good for ten years, a much smaller life expectancy.

Such repairs would cost a lot of money, but in this case, the contractors' found a way to

make it free for TJC.

"We will have a 30-year roof when they are done, and it is not costing us a penny," said Gartman.

The lack of cost to TJC is because of the contract they had with the manufacturer's representative.

"Good contractors provide good results... When it was brought to the contractors' attention, they made it happen," said Gartman.

The company that previously worked on the roof is not the same that is fixing it now. S&S roofing, the company that worked on the Robert M. Rogers Nursing and Health Sciences Center, is the one working on the new roof.

All the work done on the nursing building is, according to Gartman, perfect. The new roof will be done in the first weeks of September.

TJC is also working on other areas around campus. Many of the parking lots are being redone, Vaughn Hall is having repairs done on the roof, and in addition to the normal maintenance in Jenkins, the city of Tyler is constructing crosswalks out front.

"We got all kinds of plans, but it all takes time and money," said Gartman. "There are a lot of things that we could do on this campus that would really enhance the student learning and living experience on this campus. We have a lot of plans."



Photo by Julia Contarelli

HEAVY DUTY MACHINE AND BRICKLAYERS WORKING ON ROOF The right side of the roof is under reconstruction by the company S&S Roofing.

Get around Tyler without a car, free bus passes provided by TJC

By Kayla Longmire
News Editor

Thanks to the Tyler Transit System, getting to class is easier for off-campus students who don't have transportation.

Although staying on campus is convenient for getting to classes, some students aren't as lucky. Fortunately, these students will have the option to receive a bus permit so they can get to class using the Tyler Transit System which has a route directly in front of Tyler Junior College for students and faculty. Plus, it's free for students.

"On behalf of Tyler Junior College, we pay Tyler Transit for the bus passes given to the students in order for the student to be able to get on the bus for free," "All the student needs to do is come by the office and fill out a form to get your bus pass..."

-Randy Melton
Chief of Campus Police

Campus Police Chief Randy Melton said the system is helpful for students wanting to get to class every day without having to shell out money for gas.

"On behalf of Tyler Junior College, we pay Tyler Transit for the bus passes given to the students in order for the student to be able to get on the bus for free," said Melton.

"All the student needs to do is come by the office and fill out a form to get your bus pass on your ID to make it visible for the bus driver to see that you're a student."

Melton added that a student can't get a parking permit if he or she already has a bus permit for the same semester.

Campus Police sold 150 passes during Spring 2016, and has currently sold around 30 passes so far for Fall 2016.

The Tyler Transit System runs Monday through Saturday, ending at 8:15 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturdays.

Students can obtain a bus permit at the TJC Police Department located at the corner of Lake and Baxter.

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provide several new opportunities to reach students not currently living in the buildings.

"With the addition of the second building, our common space will be open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 a.m." said Leach. "With the way the building is set up, we can secure the living quarters so people can still come into our common areas."

With a focus on community, Wesley House plans to continue their efforts in growing relationships.



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WESLEY'S NEW HOUSE Now with Lewis, Wesley House can hold up to 80 students.



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even has a few events dedicated to TJC's 90th year, but there will also be a showing of the '90's classic, The Lion King," said Eric Book, recreational services coordinator for the Center of Student Life and Involvement.

Both events, located on Jenkins lawn, are scheduled on August 26.

TJC has since been a more diversified junior college, with 78 degrees and 43 certificate programs.

"There is a reason why TJC is one of the best junior colleges in Texas in my opinion," said Higgins, "The professors

want to see you succeed and for my daughter to graduate from (TJC), it just means we will be able to carry on the traditions."

The college is also home to a diverse group of alumni, anywhere from athletes to politicians, and even actors to business leaders. Notable alumni include Chicago Bulls' Jimmy Butler, New York State Senator Terry Gibson, Boardwalk Empire's Judson Jones, former Chancellor of Vanderbilt Joe Wyatt, and many more.

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-Beth Higgins
TJC alumni

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Department of Education letter.

Some say TJC was not obligated to make any changes regarding the restrooms, because the guidance is not technically a law.

"This guidance does not add requirements to applicable law, but provides information and examples to inform recipients about how the Departments evaluate whether covered entities are complying with their legal obligations," according to the U.S. Department of Education letter.

But officials at TJC said the college didn't have a choice.

"We will have to abide by [it] if we want to continue to get funding."

-Dr. Dometrius Hill
TJC Dean of Students

This new change affects all public restrooms at TJC, including the ones for single genders but have multiple stalls. Students now might face the situation of sharing a bathroom with somebody from the opposite sex or gender identity.

"In a lot of foreign countries, they have unisex bathrooms. Literally, you go to the bathroom, a lady goes to the same bathroom. You go to your stall, she goes to her stall. It will be a mindset type deal," said Dr. Hill.

Many students may not be comfortable with the new arrangements, so to make it more comfortable for all, Dr. Hill suggest that students should express what they want in the Student Senate. Enclosed partitions and modular walls are his suggestions to bring more privacy to the stalls.

"If you got a brother, if you got cousins, you've been in the bathroom while somebody is in the bathroom at the same time. The difference is that you don't know who enters the bathroom," said Dr. Hill. "You as a female, and he as a male, it creates a certain set of challenges mentally...I get it, my recommendation is that if it makes you feel uncomfortable, leave."

Common sense is welcomed and required regarding the new arrangements.

"The deal is: Is anything truly 100 percent safe? No. But you have to try to minimize the risk as much as possible...You are your best defense, be smart, be aware, and don't put yourself in risky situations," said Dr. Hill.

"Texas colleges have been instructed to allow their students and employees to use the restroom that is consistent with their gender identity/expression ...Single stall bathrooms have been converted to family restrooms available to all. This was not done for any particular group, but to accommodate anyone with disabilities or desiring privacy."

-Statement issue by TJC

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Of course, this isn't always the case. I still fancy that sense of "I absolutely have to get this done, no matter what, right this minute", but I do love being proactive and not being under immense pressure. I admit there are tons of people who do their best work in a sense of desperation. Fortunately for me, I'm able to do

both. I'd just prefer to keep my head above water. To each their own, I guess.

I'm not going to force you to stop procrastinating. Like I said, I still do it sometimes. I'm just asking you to take some quality advice.

I'm sure you'll probably say I've wasted your time with this column.

SLOW

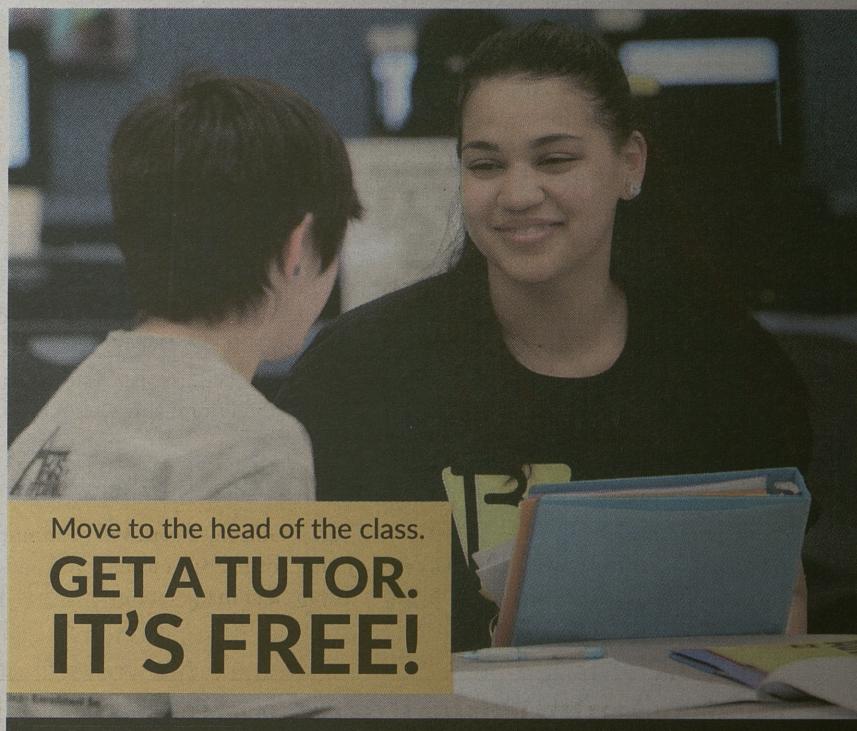
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so many of them are engaged or starting families. In a way, I guess you could say that I felt like I was lagging behind on my way through life. However, as cliche as it sounds, I came to realize that you have to step back and smell the roses.

In my opinion, life is a lot more about creating yourself versus discovering yourself. You want to find out what you're passionate about? You want to get really good at a certain skill? Explore and

experiment! You'll come to learn to enjoy so much by simply immersing yourself in whatever it is that interest you.

You may think, "That takes time and effort," and you wouldn't be all wrong in thinking so. But the truth is, life takes time and effort. Time will pass anyway. So what if you're not on the same level as everyone else? This is your life, you move at your own pace.



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Meeting times: Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Thursday 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.

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CATHOLIC CAMPUS COMMUNITY

The mission of the Catholic Campus Community is to inspire, serve, and educate the students and staff of TJC. We aim to advance spiritual intellectual and social life on campus.

Meeting times: Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in Jenkins Conference Room

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BAHAI CLUB

The purpose of the Bahai Club is to promote the unity of mankind; and to foster understanding, love and fellowship on this campus.

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WESLEY FOUNDATION

This Bible Chair represents the Methodist faith on the TJC campus. The Wesley Center is located on Baxter Street and offers a noon lunch every Tuesday during the regular semester.

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LAS MASCARAS

Las Mascaras is a social organization that is focused on supporting the well-being of students involved in the speech and theatre arts at Tyler Junior College.

Meeting times: 1st Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in the Jean Browne Theatre.

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SIGMA KAPPA DELTA

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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CLUB

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The Student Senate is the student government body of Tyler Junior College.

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BLACK STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Black Student Association at Tyler Junior College is a support organization for the African Diaspora. We stand to uphold the African Diaspora with a mission and purpose of: Promoting campus involvement by keeping the three promises of Tyler Junior College.

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HISPANIC STUDENT ORGANIZATION

This organization is for anyone interested in the Hispanic Culture, but not limited to hispanics.

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S.A.F.E

A student organization at Tyler Junior College that aims to promote psychological, physiological, and social well-being for all students across all college campuses.

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